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REMEMBER VETERANS THIS VALENTINES DAY

In conjunction with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (USDVA) National Salute to Veterans during the week of February 8-14, the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) would like to remind Californians to remember California's veterans living in the state's three veterans homes.

"As we celebrate our friendships this Valentine's Day, please remember the veterans who live in California's three veterans homes," said Tom Johnson, CalVet Secretary. "These men and women answered our country's call to military service. I am sure these veterans would greatly appreciate a valentine card from someone letting them know their sacrifices are appreciated."

The Annual USDVA National Salute program began in 1978 when the USDVA took over sponsorship of a program started in 1974 by the humanitarian organization No Greater Love, Inc. The USDVA Voluntary Service staff plan and execute local events and activities at USDVA medical centers. The National Salute is observed annually during the week of Valentine's Day, a day of caring and sharing, which underscores the Salute's expression of honor and appreciation to inpatient and outpatient veterans.

Cards may be address to "Dear Veteran" at California's three veterans homes:

Veterans Home of California, Barstow 100 E. Veterans Parkway Barstow, CA 92311 Veterans Home of California, Chula Vista 700 East Naples Court Chula Vista, CA 91911

Veterans Home of California, Yountville 180 California Drive Yountville, CA 94599

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